DATE: Thursday, July 13, 2017
TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: CCRPC Offices, 110 West Canal Street, Suite 202, Winooski, VT

Members Present
Ken Belliveau, Williston – PAC Rep
Heather Danis – ECOS Steering Committee Rep
Andrea Morgante, Hinesburg - Board Rep
Justin Rabidoux, South Burlington – TAC Rep
Edmund Booth - ECOS Steering Committee Rep
Lisa Falcone – Board Rep

Staff
Regina Mahony, Planning Program Manager
Melanie Needle, Senior Planner
Emily Nosse-Leirer, Planner

1. Welcome and Introductions
Regina Mahony called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

2. Approve Minutes
Justin Rabidoux made a motion, seconded by Edmund Booth, to approve the minutes of May 11, 2017, with the correction that Ken Belliveau was not in attendance. MOTION PASSED. Lisa Falcone abstained.

3. Energy Planning
Regina Mahony explained that we’ve been working on the siting policy following the May Board discussion; and we’ve also received some feedback from the municipalities and the Department of Public Service.
Melanie Needle added that we’ve reviewed the municipal constraints and kept the “100% no build” areas in the known constraint list; and updated the map accordingly. Ken Belliveau stated that Central Vermont RPC included the state shoreline protection area as a regional constraint. It may be something that we might want to consider as a regional constraint.
Melanie Needle went through the draft memo for the CCRPC Board’s July meeting, for feedback from the LRPC. Discussion/recommendations included:
- We are still clarifying whether we can delete the existing renewable generation from the generation target. If we can, our target is relatively minimal.
- Provide context – municipal conversations, sources for the data, who is saying we have to do this, broader context beyond our region.
- Recommendation to display the first table with 3 columns so you can see how the math translates between now and 2050.
- From whom we’ve received municipal input isn’t clear – summarize in one sentence.
- Using the Plan in a regulatory way could get tricky. In South Burlington, the landfill would be a good place, but it also has a known constraint on it. There could be unintended negative consequences.
- The purpose of the plan is for two purposes: create a budget for the targets; and substantial deference. However even with substantial deference, the plan is advisory not regulatory.
- Put the options, with pros and cons, in a table so that the options are easier to compare to each other.
- Make shall and should clearer so you can see the distinction.
- For national and state forest land, what can we do at the local level? You can be more restrictive, not less than the state constraints.
- There was some discussion about what changes we expect to see as the municipalities do this work in their plans at the local level; and how to address incompatibility.

4. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
Emily Nosse-Leirer provided an overview of the schedule going forward. We have not been able to put much effort into this section, since we’ve been focused on the energy element. We plan to update the existing
conditions, SWOT analysis and key issues; and then the strategies/actions for September. Then we will reach out to the municipalities in September. Andrea Morgante asked if we can add stormwater infrastructure to the CEDS list; and make it clear that green infrastructure is good and useful and not necessarily expensive infrastructure work. Andrea Morgante also asked about ticks, and the ramifications on recreation and the tourism economy. There was some discussion regarding keeping the CEDS list as a utility/facility list; while we can add actions to address other types of programmatic work. Add renewable energy generation facility projects as municipal facilities to the CEDS list.

5. Transportation Plan Update
Regina gave an update of where we are with the MTP. Jason provided where we want to be with an update of the existing conditions at a regional level now in comparison to a no-build in the future. And the specific comparisons that we will do.

Ken Belliveau asked about the VMT chart on page 2 of the current conditions. We should add more data to this and show the long-term trends (perhaps from 2000, then it would show the years leading up to the recession and after). Justin Rabidoux stated that the automated traffic count data shows similar patterns as well. Justin Rabidoux stated that Dave Roberts gave a good presentation a few years ago at the TAC about these trends.

6. Next Meeting
August 17, 2017 from 8:30am to 10:00am.

10. Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Regina Mahony